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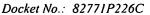
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure, enclosed is a copy of Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant (form PTO/SB/08), which is being submitted before the mailing of a first Office Action. It is respectfully requested that the cited references be considered and that the enclosed copy of PTO/SB/08 be initialed by the Examiner to indicate such consideration and a copy thereof returned to applicant(s). Some or all of the references listed on the enclosed PTO/SB/08 were previously identified in the parent application (Application No. 09/107,039, filed June 29, 1998) and copies of the references were furnished at that time. Accordingly, per 37 CFR §1.98(d)(1) additional copies of those references are not submitted herewith.

The submission of this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made in the subject application and is not to be construed as an admission that the information cited in this statement is material to patentability.

Applicant has concurrently submitted an electronic Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) for the above-referenced patent application. In the concurrently filed electronic IDS submission, it was requested that any requisite fees be debited from Deposit Account 02-2666. Applicant respectfully requests that only one fee be debited for these concurrently filed IDS submissions if such fees are required.

Respectfully submitted,

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